

## CHINESE REBELS IN DECLARATION

Official Document of Protest  
Calls Present Government  
Corrupt and Dishonest.

A proclamation something like the American Declaration of Independence has been drawn up by Chinese rebels who are fighting Emperor Yuan Shi Kai. From a copy received in this country the following translation has been made:

We, the army of the punitive expedition of the Chinese republic, hereby make this public declaration: When the misrule of the Manchu regime had become apparent, we, the people of the nation, realizing the strenuousness of the struggle for national existence, and fearing the peril of losing our national sovereignty and independence, arose four years ago in a righteous revolution, which culminated in the establishment of the republic. In order that the union of the nation might be effected without unnecessary bloodshed, we elected Yuan Shi Kai to head the new government; and, during the first two years of the republic the whole nation looked eagerly forward to him for a better government, and the patriotic leaders of the country were ready to sacrifice everything to cooperate with him—not, to be sure, that the nation had any partiality for a single individual, but simply that our dying fatherland might be saved from ruin.

But Yuan Shi Kai, who was thus entrusted by the people with such great and grave responsibilities, has for four years done nothing to reform the affairs and policies of the nation. On the contrary, he has worked incessantly to further and strengthen the private interests of his own person and family. He has corrupted the parties, and ruthlessly crushed the parliament. All opposition has been removed by every despicable means, and public opinion has been either poisoned by bribery or suppressed by violence. He has mobilized an army of flatterers and corrupt partisans throughout the country by means of public apoplexy, and placed the few honest public men practically under bondage and imprisonment in the name of empty titles and honors.

Criticism of Acts of President. Ever since his inauguration he has contracted foreign loans amounting to over 200,000,000 taels, the expenditure of which has never been, and can never be, made public. And since the outbreak of the European war, the supply of foreign loans being stopped, he has endeavored by every possible means to fleece the people, in utter disregard of their misery and grievances. And all this revenue thus raised has been almost exclusively spent on bribing his followers and, on arming himself against any possible expression of dissatisfaction from the people.

As to the affairs of the nation, nothing has been done. In dealing with foreign nations, he has made no adequate plans for national defense, nor has he taken measures for the preparation of the nation in the forthcoming international economic competition. He has invited the contempt of foreign powers and has caused numerous national humiliations. In his internal policy, he has completely disregarded the interests of the people, and has been incompetent in maintaining order and justice. He has arrested the progress of education and has led a moment of reactionism; industries have been monopolized by the government only to enrich the private treasury of the corrupt officials. Laws and ordinances have been minutely issued only to be altered and repealed at his own will and caprice. The people have become so confused that they know what to follow, and consequently their respect for law has been completely undermined. As to public appointments, nepotism and servility are regarded as virtues, and

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Wilmington, Del.—"I was suffering from a terrible backache and pains in my side, with bearing down pains and was very nervous. I was always tired, always drowsy, never could get enough sleep and could not eat. I had four doctors and each told me something different. I read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and decided to try it. I got good results and I now feel better than I have felt for years and I am gaining in weight. I can gladly recommend it to all women."—Mrs. George W. Sebald, 1611 West 4th Street, Wilmington, Del.

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## Death In Villa Chase Leaves An Empty Chair



Capt. H. L. Brown, former Chicago physician and graduate of Northwestern Medical school, his widow and their son, Horace. Dr. Brown saw service in the Spanish-American war in Cuba and later in the Philippines. He died in El Paso recently.

cruelty and brutality are signs of administrative ability. The honest and courageous are deprived of public office, and are often subjected to assassination and imprisonment.

Opportunities Open. All this is seen by all who have eyes. Still the nation continued to be patient, knowing very well that revolutions are often wasteful and the task of construction is not easy. We have all hoped that, with the powers of government all centralized on one person, and with the aggressive nations all busily occupied with their own wars, we might at this most opportune time be able to devote the energy and resources of the nation to the constructive work towards the salvation of our national life.

But, alas! Yuan Shi Kai is blind to all the needs and wishes of the nation, and is bent upon the usurpation of the imperial throne. In utter contradiction to his oath of office, in complete violation of the constitution, he has deceived the people and the whole world. By bribery and threats, he has dictated his selfish will to his followers. All courageous admonitions have only added to deaf ears, and all public protests have only served for bases of prosecution. This covetous madness has even brought about the most humiliating warnings from the allied powers, intimidating autonomous action and intervention by force. Who is it that has caused this great infamy to befall this nation?

Still he does not repent. It is highly possible that in order to gratify his selfish ambitions he may either betray his country to her enemies, or invite armed intervention by foreign powers. Either the one or the other will be sufficient to sink our fatherland into the abyss of destruction. Have we forgotten the command of our great sage that it is the duty of every man to punish the crime of a traitor? And now the treason proceeds from the people's delegated chief executive, who has betrayed the people's trust and is likely to betray the nation's independence. If such a grave offense should pass unpunished, how could we ever convince the world that there is still manhood left in China?

Seek No Personal Glory. We, the leaders of the punitive expedition, who have either held positions of importance or served as governors of provinces, are not seeking any personal honors, nor are we entertaining any personal ill-will against a former colleague. We only consider that the peril of national ruin is imminent and the cause of all internal disintegration and external encroachment is properly attributable to a single head. We have more than once urged our most earnest admonitions against this precipitous step, but he has persisted in his ambitious and usurpation course. We, therefore, in accordance with the constitution of the republic, no problem claim his crime to the world and undertake to bring him and his accomplices to justice.

We have under solemn oaths pledged ourselves to these four principles:

1. To support, with the cooperation of the whole nation, the republican form of government, and avert forever the restoration to a monarchy.

2. To clearly define the rights and powers of the central and provincial governments, respectively, in order to facilitate the free develop-

## Three Alleged Germans Held For Espionage

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 19.—Three men, said to be Germans, but whose names were not given by officials, were arrested Tuesday at Hardeville, S. C., at the request of Lieut. A. F. Cronkrite, United States engineer corps, who suspected them of espionage. A search of the prisoners, it was said, revealed that they were in possession of maps giving minute details of fortifications and roads along this section of the coast, and carried an elaborate photographic outfit.

A charge of vagrancy on which the men were taken into custody was changed to a charge of being "suspicious characters" when each of the three produced \$5,000 to disprove the vagrancy charge.

Lieut. Cronkrite, in making military maps and gathering other data along the south Atlantic coast and the three foreigners are said to have been following him.

These four principles we shall endeavor to realize in our efforts to secure the blessing of the people and the help of the gods. As to success and failure, they are beyond our consideration. We only seek to do what our conscience demands and follow where righteousness leads. God be with us, and we shall succeed!

Tong Ki-Kao, military governor of Yunnan; Zen Ko-Chen, civil governor of Yunnan; Lio Hsien-Shin, commander Kweichow army.

WRECK TOLL NOW FIVE  
All Injured in Rhode Island Collision to Recover.

BRADFORD, R. I., April 19.—The toll of deaths by the rear end collision of trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad here last night remained at five Tuesday night, a search of the ruins having failed to disclose more bodies. All the injured are expected to recover.

VILLA GUIDE LOCKED UP  
Suspected of Aiding in Columbus Raid.

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 19.—Tandy Sanford, a Mexican suspected of guiding Villa and his band into Columbus the night of the raid, was brought here Tuesday aboard a truck train. He was placed in the guard house.

Sydney, Nova Scotia, now has a benzol plant.

## RUSSIANS TAKE TURKISH PORT

Trebizond Before United Effort of Caucasian Army and Fleet.

PETROGRAD, April 19 (via London).—Trebizond, the most important Turkish city on the Black sea, has been captured by the Russians. The fall of Trebizond was confirmed in an official communication issued late Tuesday. The statement says:

"Trebizond has been taken. The united energetic efforts of our Caucasian army and Black sea fleet have been crowned by the conquest of this fortified town, the most important position on the Anatolian coast. Battle Bloody One.

"Our valiant troops, after the sanguinary battle of the 14th on the Kara Dere river, pressed the Turks without respite and surmounted incredible obstacles, everywhere breaking the fierce resistance of the enemy. The well combined action of the fleet permitted the execution of most hazardous landing operations and lent the support of its artillery to the troops operating in the coastal region.

"Credit for this fresh victory also is partly due to the assistance given, the Caucasian army by the troops operating in other directions in Asia Minor. By their desperate fighting and heroic exploits they did everything in their power to facilitate the task of the detachments on the coast."

Trebizond is a city of Asia Minor on the Black sea, 575 miles east of Constantinople and 100 miles north of Erzerum, the town stormed by the Russians on Feb. 16. Trebizond has a population of about 40,000 including some 18,000 Christians.

Commands Trade Routes. The importance of the Black sea port was due to its command of the point where the chief trade route from Persia and Central Asia descends to the sea. It is separated from the rest of Asia Minor by a barrier of rugged mountains, 7,000 to 8,000 feet high, which the Russian armies had to traverse.

Aided by the Russian fleet, the invaders pushed past the last series of natural obstacles along the coast when on Sunday they occupied a strongly fortified Turkish position on the left bank of the Kara Dere, 12 miles outside the fortress.

Since the fall of Erzerum and the capture three weeks later of Bitlis, the Turks are said to have increased the Trebizond garrison until it contained three complete divisions, or about 40,000 men, and to have done everything possible to strengthen the Black sea port.

A fifth of the export trade of Tripoli is in sponges and a third in capote grass, a wiry desert product which is sent in large quantities to England where it is used in paper-making.

\$1.00 Long  
Silk Gowns  
Women's Long Silk  
Gloves, 16-button  
length, white or  
black, all sizes,  
special pair..... 69c

\$1.50 Sateen  
Petticoats  
Flounced, figured,  
striped or black,  
best grade..... 96c

\$3.00 New  
Corsets  
Best outfit in town,  
front and back, 6  
hook supporters..... \$1.98

Wom's 50c  
Silk Hose  
All-silk thread, in  
black, white and  
special..... 37c

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creations in  
ripple flare  
effects; in  
poplin,  
serges,  
silk, white  
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sizes,  
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\$25.00 SUITS  
All the styles in vogue following the trend of season's dictates; each suit expresses an exclusive individuality discriminating women will approve,  
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Dresses  
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Creme de  
Chine, in the  
newest spring  
styles, in all  
colors; beautifully  
trimmed,  
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Silk poplin dresses; all  
colors; beautiful styles.

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Creme de  
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colors; beautifully  
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2.96

3.50 Silk Waists  
Delicate crepe de Chine and  
Tub Top Silks; new spring  
styles, plain colors and lace,  
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Embossed China Silks,  
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12:32 p. m. 2:30 p. m.  
2:40 p. m. 6:30 p. m.  
6:00 p. m. 9:10 p. m.  
Leave Chicago, South Bend  
8:15 a. m. 11:54 a. m.  
10:55 a. m. 1:38 p. m.  
6:30 p. m. 7:24 p. m.  
11:00 p. m. 2:04 a. m.  
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—silk emb. trim-  
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Hats  
For girls 2 to 6  
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Union Suits  
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\$1.50 GOWNS OR  
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Fine Nainsook and  
Muslin; lace and  
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75c Silk Corset  
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